Disposal of Aircrafts of Indian Airlines and Air-India

126. SHRI S. MUTHUMANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to dispose of some of the Aircrafts/ Boeing of the Indian Airlines/Air-India;

(b) if so, any advertisement has been given in the newspapers;

(c) if so, any proposals have been received from the prospective buyers; and

(d) if so, the decision taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d). The Government have approved sale of two B737-200 aircraft of Indian Airlines. On the basis of global tenders, Indian Airlines is selling the aircraft to M/s Blue Dart Express Ltd.

With the approval of its Board of Directors, Air India has invited bids through advertisements for selling two B747-200 aircraft. No bids have yet been received.

Inflation

127. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had a proposal to make special efforts to bring down inflation;

(b) if so, the efforts made in that direction during the current financial year;

(c) whether review is being made from time to time to know the progress of the efforts; and

(d) if so, the month-wise details thereof as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) to (c). The Government monitors continuously the price situation in the country. Cabinet committee on prices is the highest forum at which price situation is reviewed. There is a Special Action Committee of Secretaries on Prices chaired by the Cabinet Secretary which monitors, reviews and recommends action to check prices and improve supply and availability of essential commodities. An Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee for Monitoring and forecasting Prices and supplies of essential commodities chaired by the Secretary Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution also reviews and recommends measures to contain prices of essential commodities.

(d) The meetings of the above high level committees are held generally once in a month or even twice a month depending upon the urgency of the situation.

विद्युत बोर्डों के वार्षिक घाटे की राशि में वृद्धि

128. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत वर्षों में देश में विभिन्न राज्यों के विद्युत बोर्डों में होने वाले वार्षिक घाटे की राशि निरन्तर बढ़ती जा रही है; यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1991-92 में हुए घाटे की राशि कितनी थी;

(ख) वर्ष 1995-96 में कितना घाटा होने का अनुमान है;

(ग) क्या पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सरकार को, इस बढ़ते हुए घाटे को रोकने के लिए विशेषज्ञों की ओर से कतिपय सुझाव प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) जी, हां। वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान 17 राज्य बिजली बोर्डों की हानियां, ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण आर्थिक सहायता को हिसाब में न लेते हुए लगभग 3136 करोड़ रुपये थी।